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1. The Association for Chemical and Metallurgical Production, National Corporation (Spolek pro chemickou a hutní výrobu, n.p.), at Usti nad Labem, located at Revolverni trida 86, carried out, among other things, research on germanium, a rare metallic element. Attempts were made to obtain the germanium, which was said to be needed by the radio industry, from flue residues. Several chemists were engaged in this research. They were headed by an expert of German extraction who did not understand Czech. The research was carried out in a former church building, Annex A, Point 2 b, located near the main plant buildings. The outer appearance of the church has remained unchanged.

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2. a new single-track railroad line was in operation at Usti nad Labem. This new line, Annex A, Point 17, was a short cut on the main line from Prague (Masaryk Station) to Teplice Lazne (formerly Teplice-Sanov, 5038N-1330E) and enabled rail traffic to go directly to Teplice via Usti nad Labem West Station, avoiding the Usti main station. The new line served chiefly for transportation of lignite from the Most area (5032N-1330E) to Prague. I do not know when this new railroad line was completed. Additional tracks were being laid and platforms were being enlarged at the Usti nad Labem main railroad station in the summer of 1952.

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3. The North Bohemian Fat Works, National Enterprise (Severoceske tukove zavody n.p.), the former Schicht Works Annex A, Point #57, produced, among other things, ventilators for industrial enterprises which had a good reputation. These ventilators were distinguished by an adjustable inclination of the regular stator blades.
4. The Prefa National Enterprise Annex A, Point #67 produced standard building material such as roof constructions and concrete beams. This enterprise was located in two rather old buildings, each about 50 x 50 m. in size. The courtyard, where finished products were stored, was several hundred meters long.
5. In August 1952 the Labe River regulation installations, including sluices, were repaired in the whole section between Strekov 5039N-1404E and Lovosice 5031N-1404E

Annex A: Urban Area of Usti nad Labem.

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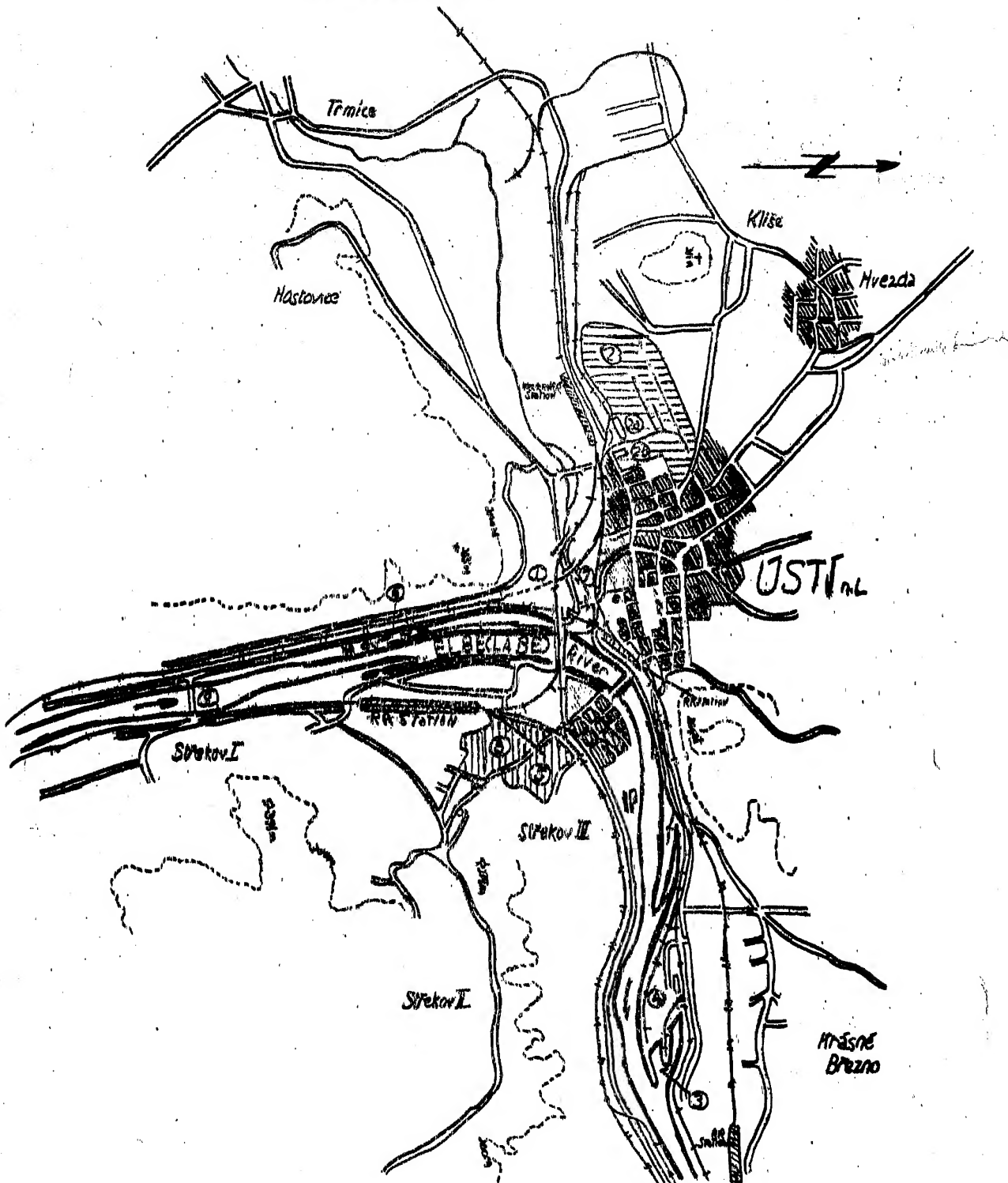
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Urban Area of Usti nad Labem

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Enclosure A (Cont'd)

Legend

1. RR branch line for direct trains to the West
2. Chemical Plant
- 2a. Administration building
- 2b. Laboratories for research on germanium
3. Winter port
4. Warehouse for export goods
5. Schicht Works
6. "Prefa" Plant
7. Space suitable for central RR station
8. River dam

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